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SUBJECT: LI PENG'S TRIP TO EUROPE AND NEW YORK --
A PLUS FOR CHINA (AND FOR LI)

1. [REDACTED]

2. SUMMARY: CHINESE PREMIER LI PENG'S LONG-PLANNED
WINTER VISIT TO EUROPE WILL NOW BE SUPPLEMENTED BY A
TRIP TO NEW YORK FOR THE BRITISH-SPONSORED UNSC
HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING. THE ADDITION OF THE
NEW YORK MEETING -- AND POSSIBLE BILATERALS THERE --
TO A SCHEDULE THAT NOW INCLUDES SWITZERLAND, ITALY,
PORTUGAL, SPAIN AND (PERHAPS) MALTA, WILL, FOR
CHINA, MARK A FURTHER (AND IN CHINA'S VIEW
EARLY-COMPLETE) MOVING AWAY FROM THE SHADOW OF
TIANANMEN AND THE SUBSEQUENT INTERNATIONAL
ISOLATION.

SUMMARY

END

3. ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES HERE, LI
PENG'S JANUARY FEBRUARY TRIP TO EUROPE (AND NOW NEW
YORK) IS SHAPING UP AS FOLLOWS -- JANUARY 25-27 IN
ROME, JANUARY 27-29 IN BERLIN, JANUARY 30 IN DAVOS TO
DELIVER A SPEECH, JANUARY 31 IN NEW YORK FOR THE
SPECIAL UN SECURITY COUNCIL HEADS OF GOVERNMENT

MEETING, FEBRUARY 1 EITHER IN VALLETTA OR IN NEW YORK
FOR BILATERALS; FEBRUARY 2-4 IN LISBON AND FEBRUARY
5-6 IN MADRID. THE SCHEDULE IS NOT PUBLIC YET AND

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MAY BE SUBJECT TO ALTERATION, IN PART BECAUSE OF
CHANGES BROUGHT BY THE U.K. INVITATION TO THE UNSC
SPECIAL SESSION.

6. COMMENT: THE EUROPEAN TRIP WAS CLEARLY SEEN BY
THE CHINESE AS A NEAR-FINAL STEP IN CHINA'S MOVE-
MENT

AWAY FROM THE SHADOW OF TIANANMEN AND RELATED
WESTERN OPPROBRIUM. LI'S ATTENDANCE AT THE NEW YORK
MEETING WILL REINFORCE THIS PERCEPTION.

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